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### From the President's Desk

The 26th Anniversary Apple Scrapple Festival was a tremendous success! We are grateful to Committee Chairperson Karen Johnson and the many volunteer committee members for a successful festival. It takes a large staff to create what we know and love as the "Apple Scrapple Festival". We would encourage those who enjoy the festival to become actively involved in the planning committee. It is our volunteers who make the festival run smoothly. Monthly meetings start on January 30th and take place the last Tuesday of each month, 7 PM at the Bridgeville Library.

The 11th Annual Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament is now history, played on the Friday of the Apple Scrapple Festival at the Heritage Shores Golf Club. Bridgeville businesses, as well as others throughout the area supported this popular event through tee signs and fielding teams in the tournament. \$7,500 was awarded to each of our charity recipients, the Bridgeville Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, which is an increase of \$1,500 each from last year's event! Since its inception, the Tournament has provided over \$154,000 to Bridgeville charity organizations. We hope many more local golfers and businesses will support and participate in next year's Tournament on October 12th, 2018.

The Bridgeville Christmas Parade committee took a giant leap forward this year by investing enthusiastic time and effort into sponsoring a Christmas Parade on December 9th, which got postponed until December 10th due to snow. 44 entries signed up, including floats, Woodbridge Middle School Band, Fire Companies and cheerleading squads; an incredible response for this inaugural event. Congratulations to all the winners! We look forward to this becoming an annual tradition.

As we come to the end of the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season, I am amazed at how much of our efforts are not centered on self or family, but on those who have significant needs during this time of year. Just a few of those efforts are mentioned in this newsletter by Bridgeville service organizations, confirming what I have always believed - that Bridgeville believes in "giving", rather than "getting", and looks out for its own. The Commissioners of Bridgeville would like to wish every one a Happy New Year and we are looking forward to 2018!

#### Pat Correll

#### **Snow Reminders**

Shoveling Snow/ice must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of it ceasing to accumulate, according to Town Code. The owner or occupant of any building or lot abutting a public sidewalk is responsible to keep it clear of snow/ice. Additionally, in order for your letter carrier to provide you with uninterrupted service, residents must clear the approach to their mailbox.



<u>Snow Plowing / Salting of Roads</u> When snow begins to fall, residents having access to their yard from an alleyway must park their vehicles there. If a driveway does not exist, all residents



must move vehicles to the even-numbered (house numbers) side of the street. When the odd-numbered side of the street has been cleared of snow/ice, residents must move vehicles to the odd-numbered side of the street. This will allow the Town to clear the streets completely and efficiently, without the need for residents to shovel their respective parking spaces. Please use ice melt on sidewalks instead of salt.

If you are out of Town for an extended period of time during the winter months, you must make arrangements for your sidewalks to be shoveled in your absence.

# **Monthly Statistics**

Reflects Totals from Month of:	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	
Traffic / Criminal Arrests	232/15	174/13	156/24	
Building Permits / Revenue	5 / \$2,399.77	15 / \$20,407.71	7 / \$4,709.57	
Certificates of Occupancy	4	5	8	
Untagged / Inoperable Vehicles	1/2	1/0	0/0	

# Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

#### October / November / December 2017

#### October:

The Comprehensive Plan update was given by Lee Ann Walling. She also provided the Commissioners with the Comp. Plan website, <u>Bridgevilleplan.net</u>. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 84 of the Code of Bridgeville as it relates to Dangerous Dogs was introduced. The Apple Scrapple vendors & Hometown Carnival night were approved for the 26th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival.

#### November:

Ordinance 2017-5, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 84 of the Code of Bridgeville as it relates to Dangerous Dogs was approved by the Commissioners. Jane Houtman was approved as the newest Economic Development Committee member. The Commissioners approved the vendors for the 2017 Christmas Parade.

#### December:

The Commissioners approved the Development Plan for Phase 4A in Heritage Shores. They also approved the Development Plan for 401 Market Street. They welcomed Weatherd Treasures to the Town of Bridgeville, who also has a store in Seaford.



Commission Meetings
are the
second Monday
of every month
at 7:00 pm.



Commission Workshops
are the
third Thursday
of every month
at 5:00 pm.

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### Town News

#### **Keep in Contact!**

Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

@BridgevilleDel and Instagram

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Bridgeville Town Code

Available on-line at: bridgeville.delaware.gov

Contact Ashley at Town Hall to be placed on the Town Email Notification List: 302-337-7135 or townofbridgeville@gmail.com

#### From the Bridgeville Post Office

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday Saturday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"We are here to serve 'our' customers for all your postal needs: stamps, mailing packages, vacation hold requests, etc. Stop by and experience friendly service at 'your' local post office at 300 Walnut St."

Roger T. Joseph, Bridgeville Postmaster

# Sussex County Emergency Operations Center

#### Dress for the weather:

- Wear layers of loose-fitting, thin, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.
- Outer garments should be tightly Woven and water repellant;
- Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves, as well as a hat;
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs. Ensure the heater and defroster work properly;
- Check lights and flashing hazard lights for serviceability

#### **During a Storm**

- \*\* Listen to Television/Radio, or NOAA Weather Radio for weather and emergency information
- \*\* Visit the Sussex County EOC website/Facebook at www.facebook.com/Sussex CountyDE
- \*\* Visit www.sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-preparedness for weather information/tips

#### **Preventive Measures**

- Spread ice melt on walkways/driveways to keep surfaces free of ice; improve traction with sand
- Keep snow shovels & other equipment handy
- Winterize your vehicle; keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines
- Check antifreeze levels
- Ensure heater/defroster work properly
- Pack a winterization kit: sand/kitty litter ice scraper blankets de-icer for door locks
- Create a Safety Profile for your household with the county's free Smart911.com service to provide potentially critical, life saving information up front.

#### During the Storm

- Listen to above sources for current information
- Eat regularly; drink ample fluids; avoid caffeine/alcohol
- Conserve fuel/power keep residence cool; close off heat to some rooms
- Limit unnecessary travel; heed all advisories/warnings
- Dress for the weather

For more winter weather information and helpful tips, please visit the Sussex County website at <a href="https://www.sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-preparedness">www.sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-preparedness</a> and click on the 'Other Hazards' link to download a useful guide about preparing for winter storms and other types of hazardous events.

### **Town News**

# 2018 BRIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES

Voting District #1: 1 Commission Seat - 2-year term

Voting District #2: 1 Commission Seat - 2-year term

Voting District #3: 1 Commission Seat - 2-year term

#### Candidate Filing Deadline

4:30 PM \* Friday, February 2, 2018 \* Bridgeville Town Hall \* 101 N. Main St.

#### Candidate Qualifications — Requirements

- U.S. Citizen and at least 21 years of age on or before the date of Election.
- Bridgeville Resident at least one year immediately preceding date of Election.
- Qualified Voter in Bridgeville at least one year prior to date of Election.
- Qualified Voter in the State of Delaware.
- Not convicted of a Felony.
- Live within Election Voting District you wish to represent.
- File a written letter of intent to be a candidate with the Commission President or Secretary by the February 2nd candidate filing deadline.
- File <u>Required</u> Campaign Financing Information Form a "Candidate Committee" and complete A "Statement of Organization" with the State Election Commissioner within 7 days after declaring Candidacy.

#### **Current Commissioners:**

<u>District 1</u> - Timothy Banks <u>District 2</u> - Lawrence Tassone <u>District 3</u> - Patricia Correll (Should only one qualified candidate file in any District, that District Election will be canceled and the qualified candidate will win the Commission seat for that District.)

Municipal Election
Saturday, March 3
Town Hall
Noon - 7:00 PM

#### Voter Registration

Bridgeville Town Hall Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM **Deadline: Thursday, February 1, 2018** 

#### **Voter Requirements**

\* At Least 18 Yrs. of Age \* 30-Day Delaware Residency

\* U.S. Citizen \* Registered Voter in Bridgeville

\* Registered Voter in the State of Delaware

### Absentee Balloting Will Be Available

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### Town News

#### **Code Updates**

#### 2018 Contractor / Subcontractor Licensing

Bridgeville has a yearly licensing requirement for all contractors/subcontractors working in Town. Any "new work" being performed inside/outside your home may be subject to the contractor licensing. Not included are contractors performing work or providing materials for the repair, restoration or maintenance of previously existing work.

Homeowners must direct their contractor to the Town office to fill out necessary paperwork and pay the **annual** \$50 fee in order to work in Bridgeville.

#### Rental Licenses

Per Town Code, homeowners who rent their homes are responsible for obtaining a Rental License with the Town and having an inspection done by the Code Enforcement Officer. The fee is \$25 per bedroom.

#### Vacant Property Registration.

Starting Jan. 1, 2018, vacant property owners will need to register their properties with the Town. \$100 for the first year it is vacant, 2-3 years is \$300 and 5+ years is \$500.

Contact: Code Enforcement Official Jerry Butler 302-337-7135

# Bridgeville Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Economic Development Committee held another Fabulous Fourth Friday event in September with an Oktoberfest theme. The June through September events were well attended with lots of vendors, food and music available.

The EDC is still in the process of working on a review of the strategic plan with the State of Delaware and their consultants and hopes to finalize that in early 2018.

A special thanks to all who helped make 2017's Christmas Parade a success and to the crowd that attended. Congratulations to the winners!

The EDC is currently in the process of evaluating business incentive grants for the beginning of 2018. Also, they are looking at small projects in the downtown area to make downtown more accessible to our residents.

Now that the bike trail is officially opened, the EDC would like to have a contest to come up with a unique name for it. In the near future, look for a chance to submit your suggested name and win a prize if your suggestion is chosen.

The EDC welcomes community members, businesses and residents, who would like to join the Committee. They meet at Town Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm.



## New Faces on the Block

#### Bridgeville is Growing!

#### We Welcome our New Home Owners

#### **Amandas Teal:**

JoAnn Sandback

#### Whistling Duck Drive:

Walter & Carole Rompala Jane Patricia Copple Deborah Welch

#### Jacobs Avenue:

M. Breeden & R. Daudelin

#### N. Cannon Street:

Jesus Garcia Ortiz

#### Canvasback Drive:

Judith Jones

#### **Champions Drive:**

Gregory & Virginia Shannon Paul Geyer F. McMillan & D. Lemerise

Richard & Carol Korb

#### **Royal View Drive:**

Aldo Lulo

#### **Blue Heron Court:**

Kelli & John Underwood Stephen & Frances Madison

#### Waterside Drive:

Marie Hill

Gary & Helen Hilderbrandt

Kimberly Golden

R. Craig & Susan Newell

Robert & Sandra Richards

Edward & Barbara O'Donnell

Pierino & Fanny Pedergnan

Robert Valentine

Ralph Peluso

Wayne & Better Gerhartz

#### **Market Street:**

Richard & Patricia Windle Robert & Kathleen Tull

#### Emily's Pintail Drive:

Stephen & Roberta Meltzer Royal & Veronica Barnard

#### **Delaware Avenue:**

David & Suzanne Farris

#### **Ruddy Duck Drive:**

Richard & Dorothy Blandford

### Garbage/Recycling Services

### Peninsula Oil Subscribers ONLY

For those residents who have **Peninsula Oil** services, garbage is collected weekly on Fridays.

Recycling services are provided bi-weekly and collection will be as follows:

Jan. 12 Feb. 9 March 9 April 6 26 23 23 20

Questions concerning your trash pick-up or containers should be directed to Peninsula Oil at:

302-990-2825.

Website: penoil.com

## **Community Activities**

#### Friends of the Bridgeville Library

#### "Winter Soups to Warm the Soul"

Homemade Soup & Bread Night

Tuesday February 6th 6 PM



Union United Methodist Church

#### **Fundraising Event**

Photography by local artist Gene Bleile

Friday, April 13 Bridgeville Public Library - 7 PM

#### **Bridgeville Cemetery Lot Owners**

If you wish to keep decorations placed in the Bridgeville Cemetery, please remove them

BEFORE MARCH 1, 2018

The Bridgeville Cemetery Association <u>will not</u> be responsible for decorations placed on graves.

#### Lions / Lioness Clubs

<u>Happy Birthday Lions Club</u> The Bridgeville Club celebrated 65 years of community service at their annual Charter Night on October 28, 2017.

<u>Christmas Giving</u> The Lions and Lioness members attended this year's Christmas Party for the Visually Impaired on December 5, 2017 at the Laurel Fire Hall. Fruit baskets and gifts were provided to the guests - a very worthwhile event hosted by our Lions.

The Lions & Lioness Clubs teamed up once again this year to purchase food, clothing and toys for needy families in our community. The Lions Club donated money to the Bridgeville Library to up-date the children's area.

Annual Variety Show will be held on Friday & Saturday March 16 & 17, 2018 at the Woodbridge Middle School. The show starts at 7:30 PM. The theme will be "Saint Patrick's Day." Refreshments will be provided by the Bridgeville Lioness Club.

#### Your Support is greatly appreciated.

<u>New Members Welcome</u> The Bridgeville Lions Club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in becoming a Lion, we invite you to attend a meeting.

#### **Bridgeville Public Library**

Story Time 3-6 Year Olds - Tuesdays, 11 AM

Caterpillar 3 Mo. Olds - 3 Year Olds
Clubhouse Wednesdays. 10 AM
(Early Literacy Program)

Family Fun Nights Jan. 16/ Feb. 20 / Mar. 20/Apr 17 6:30 - 8 PM

Self-Directed Exercise Sessions

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 6-6:45 pm

Adult Craft Night Jan. 19/Feb. 23/Mar. 23/April 20 6-8 PM

AARP Tax Appointments: Wednesdays, February 7th thru April 11th, 10am-3pm

Imagineering Club & Imagineering Basics Club

Wednesdays, 3:30-5 PM

Sussex County 4-H Tech Club

First and Third Wednesdays, 5-6:30 PM Open to all current & non-4H'ers, Grades 4-12

**Basic Tech Assistance** 

Check out the monthly calendar - contact the circulation desk (337-7401, ext. 101) for sign-up

**Library Closings:** 

January 1 & 15 February 19 March 30 & 31

For More Information
Website: www.bridgevillelibrary.com

### Bridgeville Historical Society



The Bridgeville Historical Society wishes to thank everyone for their continued support at our two big fundraisers, The Auction-Social and the Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Fair.

As a reminder, if you find yourself cleaning out some trunks, drawers, and other keepsake places, and find old photographs, memorabilia such as letterheads, fliers, pamphlets, etc from the Bridgeville/Greenwood area, please don't throw them out before giving someone in the Society a chance to determine their historic value. Even if you can not identify the person/persons in the photographs, the buildings in the background may make the photographs worth saving. Also, if you would like to share the photograph (s) we would be glad to scan them in our photograph collection.

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# **Community Activities**

#### Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville

Apple Scrapple Decorating Contest Winners The Kiwanians wish to thank all residents for their festive decorations and participation in the Apple Scrapple Decorating Contest. The following contest-winning households each received \$50.00:

Rob & Theresa Richie - S. Main St.

John & Dawn Tomeski - Laws Street

Richard & Fran Bensons - Delaware Ave.

Roger & Rita Hovermale- Delaware Ave.

Veterans Recognition night: The Kiwanians will host their annual veteran's Recognition night on January 22.

<u>Upcoming Meetings:</u> The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville will have a breakfast meeting at Jimmie's Restaurant on Monday Jan. 8. The Kiwanians will host the Woodbridge High School Key Club members on March 5th and on March 19th they will have their 79th annual Charter Night.

**BBO Stand**: In April the Kiwanians will be preparing to open their BBQ Stand for the season. The opening date has not been set vet.

The Kiwanis Club will be visiting the Seaford Kiwanis Club in January, in February they will visit the Dover Kiwanis Club and in March they will visit the Coastal Delaware Kiwanis Club.

#### **TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE**

"The Journal" 101 N. Main Street Bridgeville, Delaware 19933

#### or Current Resident

On-Line Payments now accepted for water/sewer bills at:

www.bridgeville.delaware.gov

# Important Dates to Remember

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January	Annuary Municipal Election Voter Registration Available Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Town Hall		February 15	·
	Solicitation of Commission Candidates	March	19	President's Day - Town Offices/Library/ Woodbridge Schools Closed
	File at Town Hall - same days & hours as above Districts #1, #2 & #3 only up for Election		2	Woodbridge - No School for Students
8	Monthly Commission Meeting Town Hall 7 PM	3		Bridgeville Municipal Election  Voting: Noon - 7 PM Election Districts #1, #2 & #3 only
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Town Office/Library		11	Daylight Saving Time Begins
&	& Woodbridge Schools Closed		13	Monthly Commission Meeting Town Hall 7 PM
18	Monthly Commission Workshop Town Hall 5 PM		15	Monthly Commission Workshop Town Hall 5 PM
22	Woodbridge - No School for Students	16-17		Lions Club Show Woodbridge Middle School 7:30 PM
February 1	DEADLINE: Municipal Election Voter Registration		24	Court of Appeals - 1-2 PM
	4:30 PM (Voting Districts #1, #2 & #3)	29		Woodbridge - No School for Students
2	DEADLINE: Municipal Election Candidate Filing 4:30 PM (Voting Districts #1, #2 & #3)		30	Good Friday - Town Offices/Schools/Library Closed
-	, ,	April	1	Easter Sunday
5	Woodbridge - No School for Students		2-6	Woodbridge Schools Closed - Spring Break
6	Friends of the Library Union Methodist Ch 6 PM "Soup to Warm the Soul" - Soup/Bread		9	Monthly Commission Meeting Town Hall 7 PM
12	Monthly Commission Meeting Town Hall 7 PM		13	Friends of the Library – Bridgeville Library 7 PM Fundraising Event Photography by Gene Bleile